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(57) Abstract

There are disclosed compounds of formulae (1) or (II) in which A is selected from the group consisting of (1), (2), (3) and (4);OH, and one of R₁ and R₂ is selected from H, OH and OCH₃, and the other of R₁ and R₂ is selected from OH and OCH₃; one of R₃ and R₄ is selected from OH and OCH₃; provided that at least one of the pairs R₁, R₂ and R₃, R₄ are both OH; R₅ is selected from OH and OCH₃; and denotes a single or double bond; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and prodrugs thereof. The compounds of the invention are useful for the treatment of hormone—dependent conditions and cancers.